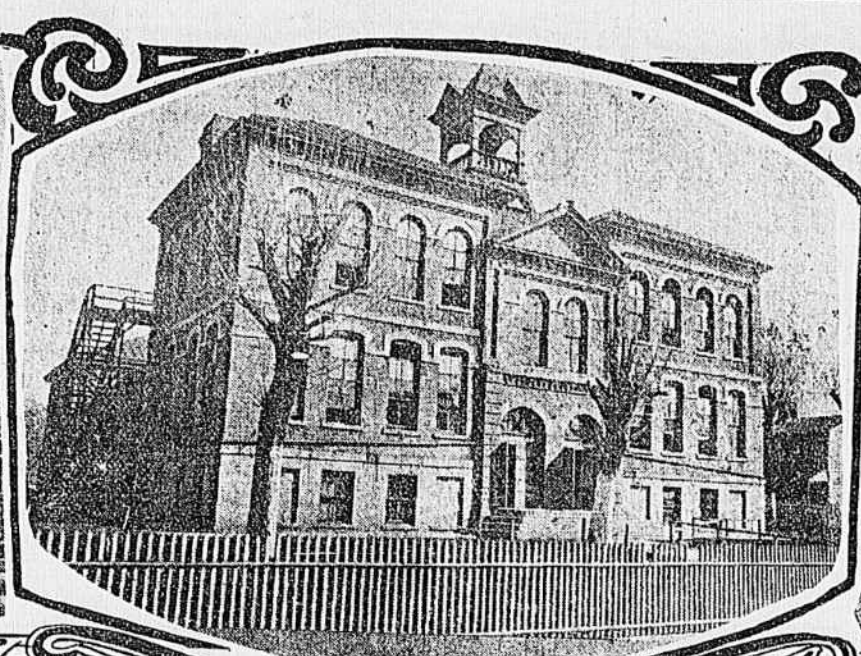


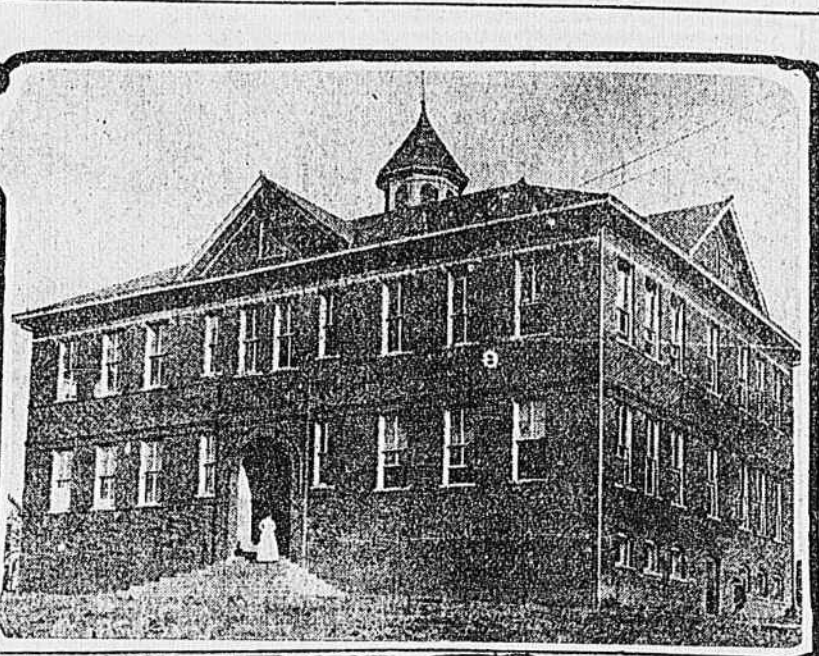
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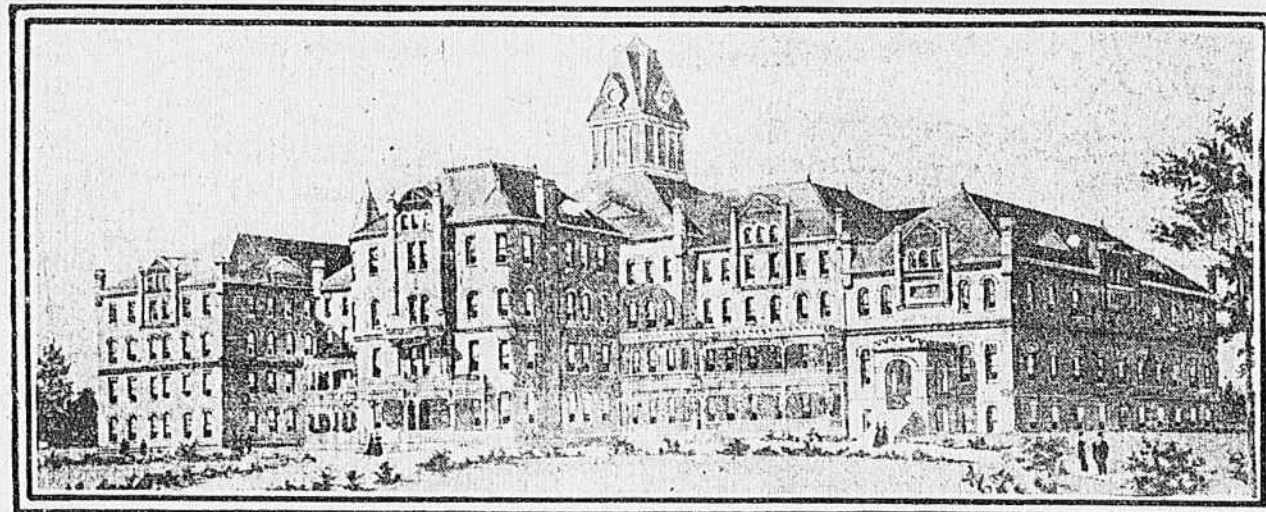
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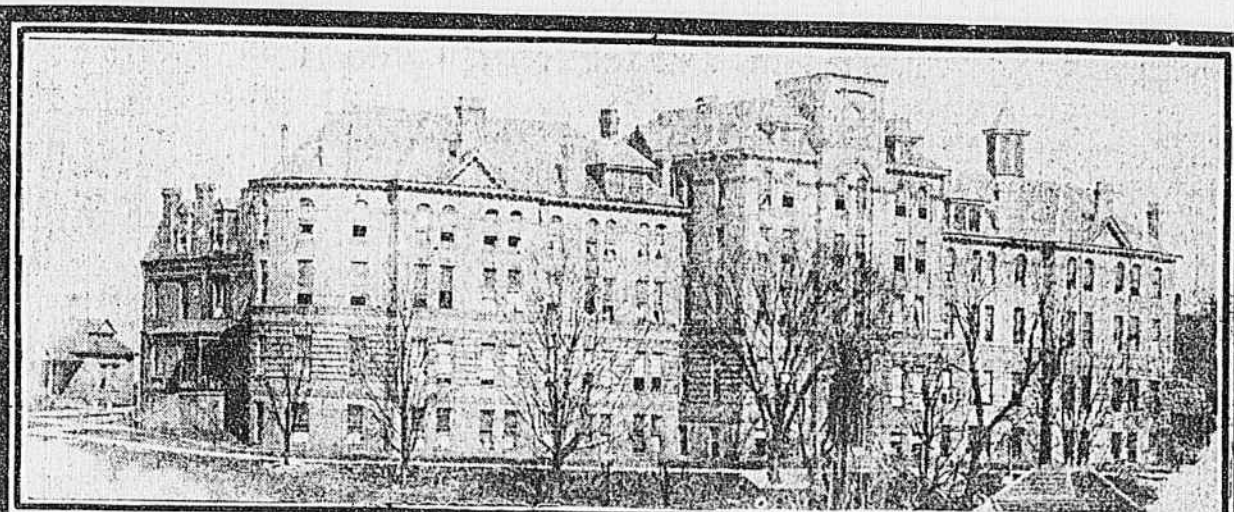
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Bristol, Va., January 20.—For many years Bristol has been regarded as an educational centre. This is due to its excellent public school system and to its institutions for higher education. In the two Bristol buildings which are in reality one, upwards of half a million dollars has been invested in school and college properties. There are six commodious public school buildings, representing an expenditure of \$150,000. Three of these are in Tennessee, Bristol and three in Virginia, Bristol. There are in addition two public school buildings for colored people and one normal institute.

work was the late Professor R. H. Sheppe, who later became superintendent of the public schools at Big Stone Gap, and was in charge of the work here for several years. Professor Sheppe was succeeded by Professor E. Russell, who since served for a number of years as a state school examiner, and who is now president of the Fredericksburg State Normal. Professor Russell was in charge of the schools here for eight years, during which time commendable progress was made, and plans were laid for a larger and more comprehensive work.

Professor Russell was succeeded by Professor R. H. McChesney, and Professor McChesney, who is a member of the State Board of Education, has been in charge of the schools for seven years. Under his direction commendable progress has been made. He has shown himself able to meet every demand, and has recommended and urged improved methods in every department of the work. During his time the Washington building has been erected and equipped, taking the place of the old Buckner building, a large residence which was used for school purposes until a few years ago.

Promotions are made semi-annually. Vocal music is taught in all the schools. Improvement Associations. Realizing the importance of the aid of the mothers in equipping and rendering the buildings sanitary, there are three well-organized improvement associations, one for each of the buildings for white children, and they are in competition for honors as to the greatest amount of improvements. These associations have a membership of 200. As a result of their efforts, a handsome piano adorns each building, while the buildings have been provided with many other improvements, some of them looking especially to improved sanitary conditions.

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Jefferson—Principal, C. L. Green; teachers, eight; pupils, 275; built 1899; rooms, eight; cost, \$20,000.

Washington—Principal, Miss Kate Wheeler; teachers, nine; pupils, 320; built 1906; rooms, eight; cost, \$20,000.

Lee—Principal, V. G. Copenhaver; teachers, seven; pupils, 225; built 1905; rooms, eight; cost, \$20,000.

Colored.

Emphasis School—Principal, W. J. Miller; teachers, three; pupils, 130; built 1905; rooms, three; cost, \$5,000.

The High School. The high school occupies five rooms in the Jefferson building. It is the purpose to erect a separate building for this school next year. Mrs. Virginia Parrish is the principal of this school and there are 130 pupils. This school has a four-year course and has been graded by the State authorities as a first-class high school. It is on the accredited list of the University of Virginia, and graduates may enter college anywhere without examination.

The high school is equipped with laboratories for physics and chemistry, and also has a library of 2,500 books.

Salaries. The teachers are paid salaries that compare favorably with other cities in the State. The superintendent is paid \$1,000 per annum, in addition to \$200 allowed him by the State Board.

The primary and grammar grade teachers receive from \$50 to \$60 per month, and the high school teachers from \$60 to \$100 per month, for a nine-month session. The school finances are in good condition and teachers are always paid promptly, receiving their vouchers on the last day of each month. The minimum salary paid is \$50.

Personnel of Teachers. The personnel of the faculty has been one of the points carefully guarded by the board and superintendent. For several years almost one-half of the teachers have been graduates of the State Normal School, and have had one or more years' experience after graduation before coming to Bristol. The other teachers are almost without exception graduates of colleges, and have



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Sullins College. Sullins College is the older of the female institutions. It has been a prominent factor in educational Bristol for many years, having been recognized and liberally patronized by the Methodist of the South for more than a quarter of a century. Dr. D. S. Hearn, now located in Russell College, was one of its earliest presidents of the school, but its founder was Dr. David Sullins, now one of the oldest ministers and educators in the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Dr. W. S. Neighbors, formerly of the Baltimore conference, and in charge of a church in Baltimore, is now president of this school, and is meeting with great success. The attendance at this school has increased from year to year, until it is now plain that it will be necessary to provide additional buildings in the near future. The pupils come from States as far away as Texas,

returned from a visit to Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York. Mrs. Sallie Harris has returned from a visit to her sister-in-law, Mrs. James H. Harris, in Baltimore. Miss Mary Coffman has returned from a visit to Miss Irene Buchanan, in Philadelphia. Miss Dick Rhodes attended the marriage Wednesday in Asheville, N. C. of Miss Clara Moffitt and C. C. Howell of Florida. Wesley Shippe, of Basic City, recently visited relatives in Elkton. Miss Irva Payne is visiting Mrs. Eppa Hunton, in Richmond. Dr. Lurty N. Harris, of Mill Creek, W. Va., is visiting relatives in Harrisonburg. Miss A. J. Scruggs returned yesterday to her home in Salem, after a visit to Mrs. Winfield Liggett. Mrs. W. T. Buchanan has returned from a visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

John F. Lewis, of Lynwood, is spending this week in Richmond. Miss Mary Bruns, of Bel Air, Md., is visiting Miss Kavanaugh here. Mrs. John McDaniels has gone to New York and Atlanta, and will be absent several months. Miss Lucy Rudisell, of Front Royal, is visiting the family of T. W. Wharton, west of Harrisonburg.

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